

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: G4

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:
Resolution

MEETING DATE: October 1, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution to Reimburse DeKalb County for PATH Right-Of-Way Appraisal Expenses

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHEMENT: ☐ YES ☒ NO
Pages: 1

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PURPOSE: To consider and approve the attached Resolution to reimburse DeKalb County for PATH right-of-way appraisal expenses

NEED/ IMPACT: The Stone Mountain PATH Trail is one of the most heavily traveled routes on the PATH system of trails. The PATH Foundation, in conjunction with DeKalb County have been activity pursuing a project to construct a PATH extension along the CSX right-of-way along Church Street which will connect the current PATH on the East side of the City of Clarkston to the current PATH on the West side of I-285. CSX has not agreed to sell the right-of-way to DeKalb County. On-going bicycle and pedestrian safety continues to be compromised if this trail connection does not occur. The high volume of bicyclists and pedestrians on Rowland St (where PATH route exists) conflicts with vehicular travel and creates unsafe conditions.

DeKalb County is considering moving forward with condemnation proceedings in order to acquire the property needed to construct the project. Should DeKalb choose to proceed with the condemnation, an updated appraisal of the property will be required. DeKalb County has indicated a desire for the City of Clarkston to demonstrate a commitment to the success of this project. This Resolution to reimburse DeKalb County for expenses related to the reappraisal of the CSX right-of-way needed to complete this project pursuant to potential condemnation proceedings is intended as a demonstration of the City's commitment to the project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends passing the attached Resolution to reimburse DeKalb County for PATH right-of-way appraisal expenses. Expenses shall not exceed \$7,500.